Fertilizer	1992-93 (since 25-8-92)		1993-94 (up to 30-6-93)	
	Qty. (lakh tonnes)	Weighted average landed cost per tonne (Rs.)	Qty. (lakh tonnes)	Weighted average landed cost per tonne (Rs.)
Urea	11.91	4121.07	4.93	3818.25
DAP	1.78	4737.08	Nil	—
MOP	5.86	3744.20	1.89	3905.29

All imports of Urea and MOP during the period under reference have been on Government account Imports of DAP and MOP were decanalised with *effect* from September 17,1992 and June 17, 1993, respectively. The statistics of imports of DAP made on non-Govt, account are not centrally maintained.

Overcharging by some Pharmaceutical Units

2092. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware that some pharmaceuticals units are over charging the users by 40 per cent more on 20 types of drugs; and

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) This Department had received some complaints of overcharging of bulk drugs which were referred to concerned State Drug Controller/Food and Drug Control Administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act., 1955. To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra has filed complaints in the Courts of Law against 9 units including traders and manufacturers. The State Drug Controller of Gujarat has also initiated action against 3 units.

Imposition of Import Duty on Life Saving Drugs

2093. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) vAether Government have any proposal under its consideration to impose 25 per cent import duty on some life saving drugs and the grant of cut in excise duties on drug-intermediates to help the domestic drug industry; and

(b) if so, in what manner it is likely to effect the prices and availability of the connected drugs and formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN. THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Rationalisation of customs and excise duties on Bulk Drugs, intermediates and formulations is an on-going process. The purpose of giving customs duty/excise duty concessions is to encourage the manufacturer of bulk drugs from basic stages as also to ensure the availability of formulations in abundant quantity at reasonable prices.

Promotion of Tourism in West Bengal

2094. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what steps were taken for promotion of tourism in West Bengal during the last three years;

(b) what was the amount spent on various projects during this period: and

(c) what are the names of major projects undertaken during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Government of India has sanctioned 26 projects for infrastructural development and celebration of fairs and festivals in West Bengal. An amount of Rs. 603.48 lakhs has been sanctioned and an amount of Rs. 298.71 lakhs has been released for these projects during the last three years.

(c) Following are the major projects sanctioned by the Centre for West Bengal :—

	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1. Tourist Lodge at Piyali	40.80
2. Tourist Lodge at Kaikhali	45.40
3. Transit Camp at Bagdogra	48.88
4. Tourist Lodge at Sagar Island	45.00
5. Launch for Piyali	49.84
6. Yatri Niwas at Cooch Bihar	40.32

7. Tourist Lodge at Shankarpur. . . 40.13
8. Floating Restaurant on Hogli River 42.83

Revamping of IA and Al

2095. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated immediate steps to revamp Indian Airlines and Air India and rationalise their routes:

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor: and

(c) whether Government is planning to open new routes ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Route rationalisation by Air India and Indian Airlines is a continuous process. This exercise is done keeping in view the capacity of the airlines, market conditions, bilateral entitlements, and other related factors.

(c) Indian Airlines propose to airlink Delhi with Tashkent and Madras with Kualalumpur Air India proposes to introduce a new service to Johanesburg and Durban via Dar-Es-Salaam. Besides, additional flights to Gulf countries are proposed to be operated jointly by Air India and Indian Airlines.

पर्यटकों के लिये "यात्री निवास" का निर्माण

2096. श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या धार्मिक महत्व के पर्यटक स्थलों पर मध्यवर्गीय घरेलू पर्यटकों के लिये "यात्री निवास" के निर्माण की कोई योजना है;

(ख) क्या केन्द्र सरकार को इस संबंध में राज्य सरकारों से कतिपय प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं; यदि हां, तो उन राज्य सरकारों के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा इन प्रस्तावों को कब तक मंजूरी दिये जाने की संभावना है और राज्य सरकारों को केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा कितने प्रतिशत वित्तीय सहायता दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आज़ाद) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां। 1993-94 के दौरान, केन्द्रीय पर्यटन विभाग को गुलबर्गा तथा सौनदात्ती (कर्नाटक), देवघर (बिहार), और समायापुरम (तमिलनाडु) में यात्री निवासों के लिए प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं। ये प्रस्ताव आधूरे हैं और इन पर राज्य सरकारों से कुछ स्पष्टीकरण लेने की आवश्यकता है जो उनसे प्राप्त किए जा रहे हैं।

(ग) केन्द्रीय वित्तीय सहायता कुल अनुमान की प्रतिशतता के आधार पर नहीं दी जाती बल्कि आंतरिक विद्युतिकरण, जल आपूर्ति और सेनिटरी फिटिंग सहित सुपर स्ट्रक्चर का निर्माण करने तक सीमित है। राज्य सरकारों को विकसित भूखण्ड मुहैया कराना होता है।

Suspension of Delhi-Guwahati-Agartala Flight

2097. SHRI SUDHIR RANJAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Agartala, the State Capital of Tripura, has been deprived of its direct link with the National Capital following suspension of Delhi-Guwahati-Agartala Hight: if so. the reasons therefor:

(b) whether it has affected .he fragile link of the State with New Delhi:

(c) when this flight is likely to be restored in view of the pressing need for this service:

(d) whether it is the Policy of the Central Government to bring the state capitals closer to the National Capital; and

(e) the states that do not have direct airlink with the National Capital ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Delhi-Guwahati-Agartala service was withdrawn by Indian Airline due to reduction in the availability of operating crew.

(b) Convenient connections both ways have been provided through Calcutta.

(c) Owing to constraints of crew, Indian Airlines has no plan at present to restore the Delhi-Guwahati-Agartala service.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The following States do not have direct airlink with the National Capital at present:—

Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim. Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Meghalaya.